

DATES and PLACES

GREAT FALLS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2005

Best Western Heritage Inn

1700 Fox Farm Road (406) 761-1900

BILLINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005

Sheraton Hotel

27 North 27th Street (406) 252-7400

The CDBG Program will also be presenting an in-depth public facilities application workshop on:

February 15, Best Western Heritage Inn, Great Falls, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

March 17, Sheraton Hotel, Billings, from 8:30 a.m. to noon

March 22, Ruby's Inn, Missoula, from 8:30 a.m. to noon

March 29, Great Northern, Wolf Point, from 8:30 a.m. to noon

There is no fee for the workshops.

Pre-registration is not required.

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Montana's Department of Commerce, Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture are co-sponsoring an infrastructure planning and financing workshop:

“Planning For Infrastructure Improvements”



Does your community have problems related to your drinking water or sanitary sewer systems and you are thinking that maybe you will need to tackle an infrastructure project within the next few years?

If the answer is yes, you should plan to attend one of the one-day workshops, which will provide you with information about what goes into getting a project completed, the timelines involved, the technical assistance available to help guide you, and the various public infrastructure funding programs available to help finance the project.

This workshop is especially intended for those of you that may not be familiar with what is involved in getting a project constructed, or that are unfamiliar with the grant and loan programs available to finance infrastructure projects.

Engineers and recently elected public officials that have never been to these workshops are especially encouraged to attend.

Questions?

Call (406) 841-2770

Reasonable modifications for persons with disabilities will be made who wish to participate in this workshop. Please advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need at least one week prior to the workshop.

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Overview, Introductions and WASACT Video

9:00 a.m. Technical Assistance is Available

9:15 a.m. Obtaining Planning Funds

9:30 a.m. Grant and Loan Programs

- State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Programs – Loans
- Renewable Resource Grant and Loan (RRGL) Program – Grants and Loans

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Funding Programs cont.

- INTERCAP Program – Loans
- Rural Development (RD) Water and Environmental Programs -- Grants and Loans
- Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) -- Grants and Loans

12:00 a.m. Lunch (on your own)

1:30 p.m. Funding Programs cont.

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program – Grants
- Other Funding Sources

2:15 p.m. Legislative Issues

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Planning Your Project and Getting It Constructed

4:00 p.m. How Can We Help You To Get Your Problems Fixed?

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Representatives from each of the major state and federal programs that fund infrastructure improvements will discuss their specific requirements. They will also be available to provide you with the opportunity to talk one-on-one about your specific projects and funding needs.

The following funding programs will be providing information at the workshops:

- ◆ Board of Investments – **INTERCAP**
- ◆ Department of Commerce – **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**
- ◆ Department of Commerce – **Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP)**
- ◆ Department of Environmental Quality – **State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Programs (Water and Wastewater)**
- ◆ Department of Natural Resources and Conservation – **Renewable Resource Grant and Loan (RRGL) Program**
- ◆ U.S. Department of Agriculture – **Rural Development (RD), Water and Environmental Programs**